

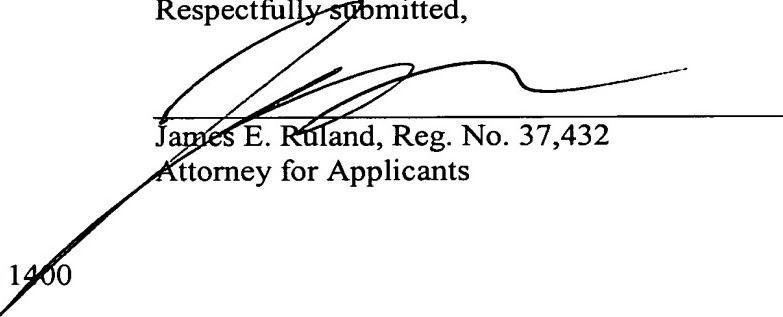
REMARKS

Claims 4-15 are pending. Applicants hereby incorporate by reference the arguments presented in the Appeal Brief filed September 2, 2003.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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